

## Gunman terrorizes campus



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Austin police prepare to enter Calhoun Hall on the South Mall on Tuesday morning after a gunman opened fire near the Littlefield Fountain and later fatally shot himself on the sixth floor of the Perry-Castañeda Library. Austin Police Department and SWAT officers suspected an additional gunman was in Calhoun Hall but quickly determined the shooter acted alone.

### UT student kills self after firing AK-47 on 21st Street

By Nolan Hicks  
Daily Texan Staff

The UT campus was on lockdown for nearly four hours Tuesday because of a shooting incident that ended when the gunman, armed with an AK-47 rifle, took his own life after unleashing a barrage of bullets and being cornered by police on the sixth floor of the Perry-Castañeda Library.

Campus administrators identified the gunman as 19-year-old mathematics sophomore Colton Tooley.

A half-dozen law enforcement agencies, including the Austin Police Department, University of Texas Police Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Austin Independent School District Police Department, responded to the shooting and its aftermath.

Officials said no students were hurt in the shooting, although a couple of students were mildly injured during the evacuation process.

"I am grateful to our campus community for the way it responded to the emergency that took place at the Perry-Castañeda Library [Tuesday] morning," UT

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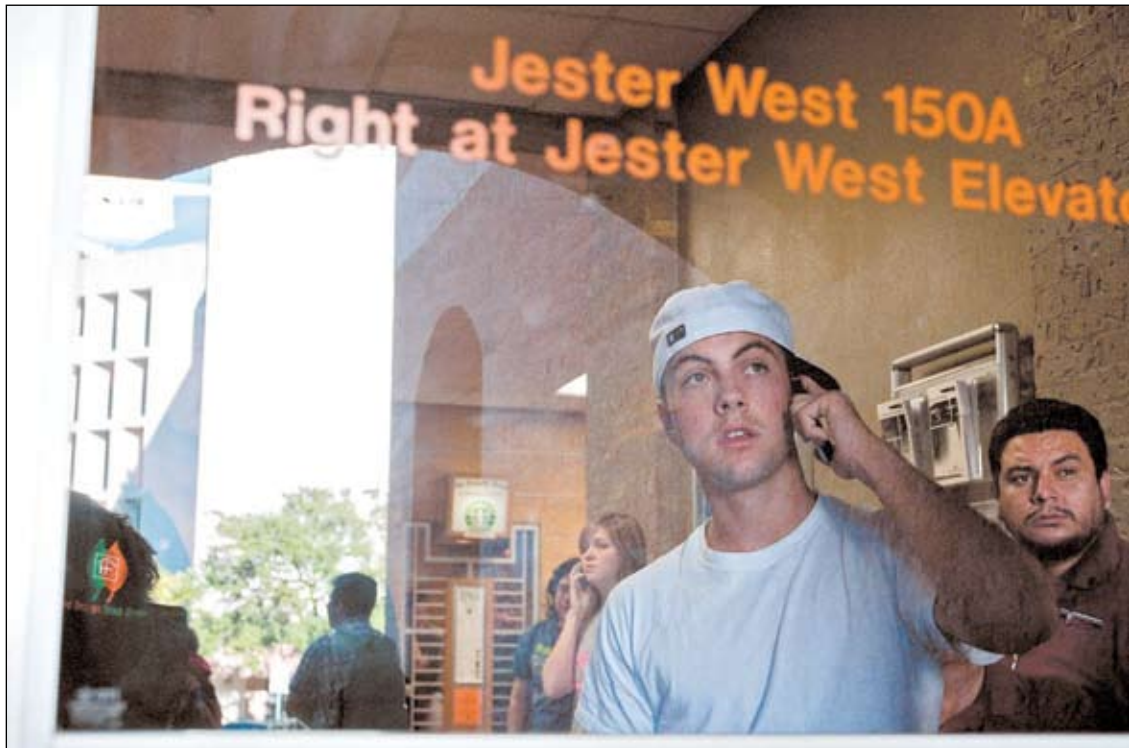
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*"At first, I thought, 'Is this really happening?' ... You don't expect a shooting to happen when you go out for your day."*

— **Ashley McCrory**, Computer science freshman



Caleb Bryant Miller | Daily Texan Staff

Business freshman Trevor Egan looks out of Jester Center at the line of police in front of the PCL.

### Witnesses recount school lockdown

**Unexpected morning event causes University response of camaraderie, confusion**

By Aziza Musa  
Daily Texan Staff

Computer science freshman Ashley McCrory got off the Forty Acres shuttle bus near Dobie Center on what she thought would be a regular Tuesday morning.

McCrory was debating whether she should return to her room at Littlefield Dormitory or go to her

calculus class in Garrison Hall. She decided to go to class. At around 8:10 a.m., McCrory said she saw a masked gunman fire about five rounds in the air. She hid behind a pillar of a nearby building as she saw the man run into the Perry-Castañeda Library.

When the shooter was out of sight, McCrory approached a Dobie maintenance worker to make sure what she saw actually happened. McCrory said the armed man was wearing all black — a jacket that looked like a trench coat, and what

appeared to be a ski mask. She saw him holding a long gun, which Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo later said was an AK-47.

"At first, I thought, 'Is this really happening?'" McCrory said. "I was wondering if this was a joke — a really bad joke. You don't expect a shooting to happen when you go out for your day."

McCrory went to Benedict Hall, where students streamed news on their laptops to learn more about

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### Friends, family recall shooter's personality, reflect on motivation

By Collin Eaton  
Daily Texan Staff

Friends remember Colton Tooley, a mathematics sophomore from Austin, as quiet, intelligent and helpful.

Although former high school classmates said he stood out as an exceptionally bright student, his presence at UT was largely overlooked until now.

Craig Shapiro, principal of Crockett High School, said Tooley graduated seventh in his class and excelled in every subject.

"His teachers recall him with words such as brilliant, meticulous and respectful," Shapiro said in a statement.

In high school, none of his classmates would have suspected that Tooley was capable of violence, said Plan II and journalism junior Rachel Platis, a high school classmate

of Tooley and a former Daily Texan staffer.

"He was a quiet boy," Platis said. "He was always so respectful and sweet."

His family was mostly unwilling to comment, but Marcus, a family spokesman who would not disclose his last name, said he wanted people to understand how Tooley lived and not how he died.

"He couldn't or wouldn't hurt a fly," Marcus said. "If he was depressed, you would never

know it."

Mark Maxwell, a Department of Mathematics clinical professor and director of actuarial studies, said he should have known about Tooley because he tries to meet students even before they get to campus

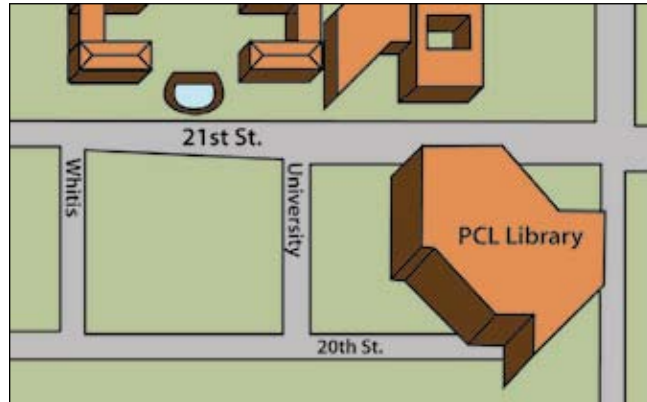
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Colton Tooley  
Math sophomore

### Site of shooting

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Speaker advocates concealed weapons

Despite change of venue,  
withdrawal of sponsorship;  
economist expounds views

By Nick Mehendale  
Daily Texan Staff  
A scheduled talk Tuesday eve-  
ning by an advocate for concealed  
carry on campus was moved to  
an off-campus bookstore because  
of the shooting incident at the  
Perry-Castañeda Library and the  
lockdown that followed.

John Lott, an economist at the  
University of Maryland at Col-  
lege Park, wrote a book titled  
“More Guns, Less Crime,” which  
urges states to pass laws that al-  
low law-abiding citizens with  
concealed carry permits to pos-  
sess firearms in all public areas,  
including on college campuses.

The lecture was moved to  
Brave New Books, a self-pro-  
claimed libertarian bookstore  
on Guadalupe Street. The talk  
was sponsored by Students for  
Concealed Carry on Campus,  
the Libertarian Longhorns and  
the Objectivism Society. The UT  
chapter of the Federalist Society,  
which originally invited Lott, re-  
scinded its support of the event  
after the shooting, while the na-  
tional chapter maintained sup-  
port for the talk.

Jeff Shi, president of Students for  
Concealed Carry on Campus, said  
the shooting prompted the Liber-  
tarian Longhorns to approach the  
bookstore to host the event.

Lott said concealed handguns  
would have benefited students  
during Tuesday’s shooting on  
campus because those with a con-  
cealed weapon would be able to  
defend themselves from gunfire.

“Criminals are going to be the  
only ones with access to weapons,”  
he said. “This puts them at a huge



Ryan Smith | Daily Texan Staff  
John Lott, author of “More Guns, Less Crime” and senior research scientist at the University of Maryland, gives a lecture at Brave New Books on Tuesday. Lott presented his research findings and argued that gun bans may do more harm than good.

advantage. It is only the law-abid-  
ing citizens that turn in their guns.”

He said the lack of concealed  
carry laws may increase the  
number of fatalities when a gun-  
man opens fire in a public place.

“At UT, we almost have these  
signs in neon up, essentially telling  
[potential shooters] that the poten-  
tial victims they are facing are not  
going to be armed,” he said.

Opponents of concealed carry

laws on campuses are misdirecting  
their fear to law-abiding citizens,  
who must pass mental health test-  
ing rules and eight hours of train-  
ing, instead of those cases in which  
mental illnesses were a factor in  
school shootings, Shi said.

“Crazy is the problem,” Shi  
said. “We are taught to fear a  
completely different category  
of people. We are taught to fear  
law-abiding citizens.”

Scott Lewis, the student  
group’s legislative director, said  
there was no reason not to go on  
with the talk.

“There is always going to be  
somebody crying foul, who says  
this is inappropriate at this place  
and time,” Lewis said. “But this  
shooting was not perpetrated  
by a concealed handgun license  
holder. It’s not anything that  
contradicts our stance.”

Lewis said Tuesday’s shooting  
should not influence the debate  
about concealed carry on cam-  
pus because Colton Tooley, the  
math sophomore who opened  
fire on the campus, did not have  
a concealed weapon.

“It’s part of the political cli-  
mate in America and through-  
out the world that we tend to  
become hypersensitive about is-  
sues we oppose,” he said.

National survey offers grad school information

By Audrey White  
Daily Texan Staff

A long anticipated survey of  
doctoral programs from the Na-  
tional Research Council may re-  
quire a statistics degree to fully

understand, but the information  
buried in the details may prove  
the most comprehensive tool yet  
for students seeking the right fit  
for Ph.D. studies.

The council collected data from  
2005 to 2007 at 212 institutions  
based on 20 variables ranging  
from the number of awards per  
faculty to the percent of interna-  
tional students. It considered pro-  
grams in 62 fields, including 57  
at UT. Programs had to meet cer-

tain criteria to be ranked, includ-  
ing a requirement that there be at  
least 25 universities with that doc-  
toral program. For example, UT’s  
decorated petroleum engineering  
doctoral program was not ranked  
because there are fewer than 25 in  
the nation.

The survey, released publicly  
at noon Tuesday, is the first that  
explores this type of data analy-  
sis and the first from the council  
since 1995.

“Reputation and ranking and  
prestige of any university de-  
pends on the quality of its doc-  
toral programs,” said Gradu-  
ate School Dean Victoria Rodri-  
guez. “Undergraduate education  
is very important and we have a

lot of master’s degrees, but what  
really gives us our academic heft  
and makes us one of the most im-  
portant universities in the world  
is the quality of our doctoral pro-  
grams.”

Rather than presenting pre-  
cise rankings of each program,  
the survey’s results offer five sets  
of statistical measures that give a  
range of possible rankings assert-  
ed with 90 percent certainty af-  
ter 500 iterations of data for each  
category. For example, there is a  
90-percent chance that UT’s doc-  
toral program in journalism ranks  
between seventh and 23rd in di-  
versity.

The two main measures —  
the survey-based and regression-

based rankings — measure re-  
sponses to a faculty questionnaire  
based on their valuations of the  
20 variables and an overall rank-  
ing based on regression-derived  
weights of a school’s reputation,  
respectively.

“This is really the first attempt  
at trying to do a data-informed  
analysis of doctoral programs,”  
said Graduate School Associate  
Dean Marvin Hackert. “There are  
a lot of things we can learn from  
this process going forward that  
could improve the process. Any-  
time you do something different-  
ly, there are going to be hiccups  
and wrinkles.”

Hackert said that despite the  
difficulty analyzing the data as  
a set of holistic rankings, it gives  
students seeking very specific  
things from their prospective doc-  
toral program. The council will  
present the data in such a way  
that students can manipulate the  
weights afforded each variable to  
determine which university may  
reach their more specific needs.  
The data also provides a valu-  
able resource by which to consid-  
er how UT programs may have  
improved since the data was tak-  
en four years ago, Rodriguez  
said.

“The Jackson School of Geosci-  
ences wasn’t even a school five  
years ago,” said Graduate School  
spokeswoman Kathleen Mabley.  
“What their data would show  
now is very different from what it  
showed then.”

Anyone can view the complete  
list of UT’s rankings in all cate-  
gories by viewing a PDF on the  
Graduate School page of the UT  
website at [utexas.edu/logs/nrc/ut\\_](http://utexas.edu/logs/nrc/ut_programs_nrc.pdf)  
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South Koreans watch a TV news program at the Seoul Railway Station in Seoul on Tuesday. South Korean media said Kim's youngest son Kim Jong Un is shown in a portrait on the screen. The headline reads "Kim Jong Un to the rank of general."

## Leader puts son on path to rule over North Korea

**By Jean H. Lee**  
The Associated Press  
SEOUL, South Korea — The youngest son of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il was elected to his first prominent posts in the ruling Workers' Party, state media said early Wednesday, putting him well on the path to succeed his father as leader of the nuclear-armed nation.

The announcement of Kim Jong Un's ascension to the party's Central Committee and military commission came a day after news that Kim Jong Il had made him a four-star general — a major promotion that appeared to set into motion a plan to eventually put the little-known, Swiss-schooled 20-something at the helm of the communist country.

Kim Jong Il has led the nation with absolute authority since taking over in 1994 upon the death of his father, North Korea founder Kim Il Sung, in the communist world's first father-to-son transfer of power.

Noticeably thinner and grayer, Kim Jong Il has resumed touring factories and farms but is said to be suffering from diabetes and kidney trouble.

Kim Jong Un is believed to be only 27 and until this week held no known political or military positions. However, he was always his father's favorite, and the most like him in looks and ambition, the chef wrote in "I Was Kim Jong Il's Cook" under the pen name Kenji Fujimoto.

The son has been kept well under wraps since childhood, and the mere mention of Kim Jong Un's name in state media caused ripples among North Korea watchers looking for confirmation that Kim Jong Il had anointed the young man as his successor.

"It's clearly the biggest news we've had from North Korea since the death of Kim Il Sung," said Peter Beck, a Council on Foreign Relations-Hitachi research fellow at Keio University in Tokyo.

The secrecy is reminiscent of Kim Jong Il's own ascent in the 1970s, when his status as the nation's future leader was confirmed in an appearance at the last major Workers' Party gathering: a party congress in 1980.

## Mexican mudslide buries hundreds

**By Ixtli Martinez**  
The Associated Press  
OAXACA, Mexico — A hillside collapsed on hundreds of sleeping residents in a rural Mexican community early Tuesday, adding to the deadly toll that weeks of heavy rains have exacted on parts of Latin America.

Authorities in the town of Santa Maria Tlahuitoltepec said seven people were killed in the mudslide and at least 100 were missing, but the leader of their state, Oaxaca Gov. Ulises Ruiz, reported four confirmed dead and 12 missing.

President Felipe Calderon reported on his Twitter account that an Army commander and 30 soldiers had reached the town by foot and that there was a lot of damage, but "perhaps not of the magnitude initially reported."

"We are very saddened by this tragedy, very sad but very determined to do everything in God's power to save the victims who are alive in this landslide and to help the people of Santa Maria," Calderon told reporters.

Communications with the town about 130 miles (220 kilometers) southeast of Mexico City have been difficult since the pre-dawn slide. Soldiers and civil protection and Red Cross workers couldn't reach the area for nearly 10 hours because mud and rocks and in one case a collapsed bridge blocked roads, and bad weather prevented helicopters from being used.

Donato Vargas, an official in Santa Maria de Tlahuitoltepec reached by a satellite telephone, said as many as 300 homes were believed to be buried, and residents who made it out early in the morning said they had no success digging out their neighbors.

"We have been using a backhoe but there is a lot of mud. We can't even see the homes, we can't hear shouts, we can't hear anything," he said.

Vargas said the slide dragged houses packed with sleeping families some 1,300 feet (400 meters) downhill, along with cars, livestock and light poles.

"We were all sleeping and all I heard was a loud noise and when I left the house I saw that the hill had fallen," Vargas said. "We were left without electricity, without telephone and we couldn't help them. There was no way to move the mud."

One person was reported killed in a mudslide in another Oaxaca community, Villa Hidalgo, and 30 people were killed Monday in a slide in Colombia. Heavy rains, including some delivered by the remnants of Hurricane Karl and then Tropical Storm Matthew, also have produced deadly floods in southern Mexico and Central America.

Oaxaca Civil Protection operations coordinator Luis Marin said the state has seen three days straight of intense rain. The state government had warned residents south of the city of Oaxaca of flooding from overflowing rivers and opened shelters in other parts of the state.

## NEWS BRIEFLY

### Nine months after earthquake, Haiti waits for promised aid

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti**— Nearly nine months after the earthquake, more than a million Haitians still live on the streets between piles of rubble. One reason: Not a cent of the \$1.15 billion the U.S. promised for rebuilding has arrived.

The money was pledged by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in March for use this year in rebuilding. The U.S. has already spent more than \$1.1 billion on post-quake relief, but without long-term funds, the reconstruction of the wrecked capital cannot begin.

With just a week to go before fiscal 2010 ends, the money is still tied up in Washington. At fault: bureaucracy, disorganization and a lack of urgency, The Associated Press learned in interviews with officials in the State Department, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the White House and the U.N. Office of the Special Envoy. One senator has held up a key authorization bill because of a \$5 million provision he says will be wasteful.

Meanwhile, deaths in Port-au-Prince are mounting, as quake survivors scramble to live without shelter or food.

"There are truly lives at stake, and the idea that folks are spending more time finger-pointing than getting this solved is almost unbelievable," said John Simon, a former U.S. ambassador to the African Union who is now with the Center for Global Development, a Washington think tank.

### President chides Democrats in effort to re-energize party

**MADISON, Wis.** — Clearly frustrated by Republicans' energy — and his own party's lack of enthusiasm — President Barack Obama scolded fellow Democrats even as he rallied them Tuesday in an effort to save the party from big GOP gains in the crucial midterm elections. In the final month of campaigning, he's trying to re-energize young voters, despondent liberals and other Democrats whose excitement over his election has dissipated.

"It is inexcusable for any Democrat or progressive right now to stand on the sidelines," the president declared in a Rolling Stone magazine interview. He said that supposed supporters who are "sitting on their hands complaining" are irresponsible because the consequences of Republican congressional victories could be dashed Democratic plans.

He gave an example during a backyard conversation with New Mexico voters, arguing that Republicans would reverse the progress he's made on education reform and student aid. "That's the choice that we've got in this election," Obama said, underscoring the stakes of Nov. 2 before heading to a rally at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

It's the first of four large rallies planned for the campaign home-stretch as the president tries to rekindle some of his 2008 campaign magic and fire up young supporters and others who helped elect Obama but who Democrats fear may stay home this fall.

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VIEWPOINT

Connecting during a crisis



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

Public relations junior Ashley Peña takes pictures with her web cam outside the Perry Castañeda Library around noon. Peña said that even though the shooting was shocking, it was an important event to document.

Tuesday’s events were undeniably tragic. First and foremost, we would like to thank the Austin Police Department, the UT Police Department, UT administration and all other officials who effectively handled the situation. Through text alerts, e-mails and press conferences, they established order and delivered information.

Students should also be thankful for another resource that helped the UT community get through the crisis: Twitter.

Since its inception and explosive popularity, many have questioned Twitter’s value, considering it nothing more than an indulgent way for self-styled web divas to share what cereal they ate for breakfast or give their personal insights into national politics. Hopefully occasions such as this can convince skeptics of the legitimate utility of social media because during Tuesday’s events, thousands of

students, parents and friends relied on Twitter to instantly disseminate information that, at the time, they considered life-saving.

Thousands of students learned about the event via Twitter, shared it on Facebook and then used social media to stay informed throughout the morning. The initial news and subsequent updates instructed those on campus about the safest course of action, and these instructions were immediately re-tweeted to thousands. With so much uncertainty Tuesday morning, clear instructions from University officials were vital, whether they came via e-mail, text message or Twitter.

In addition to enabling safety precautions, social media also allowed those on campus to update loved ones as to their whereabouts. In a crisis, a status update can immediately inform thousands of your safety and reassure you of others’ safety as well. New media also

helped cultivate a sense of community that is rare on a university of this size. Throughout the day we received messages, tweets and texts making sure we were OK, often from people we had not spoken to in years. This helped produce a sense of solidarity and comfort whose value cannot be underestimated in a crisis.

However, social media can be equally harmful when used improperly. Panic and uncertainty can make one susceptible to rumors and misinformation, and the immediacy of social media can amplify those uncertainties, making them appear credible. In a crisis, users must be cautious not to unwittingly use social media as an outlet to fuel confusion.

Some also opted to use social media to politicize the shooting or make tasteless “jokes.” Within hours of the shooting, the chair of the Tarrant County Republican Party, Steph-

nie Klick, idiotically tweeted that it was “[t]oo bad for UT students that Conceal Carry on Campus did not pass during the last legislative session.” Obviously this event will reignite discussions about guns on campus, but making overtly political statements in the heat of a crisis is wildly inappropriate and tasteless.

Though some abused social media, it was generally an incredibly useful tool throughout all stages of the crisis. From the initial warning to the “all clear,” social media assisted in the dissemination of timely information and helped minimize mass chaos and confusion.

We commend the University’s swift and tactful response to the situation, and we look forward to seeing UT develop even more tools for social media, especially those that impact campus safety.

— The Daily Texan Editorial Board

A question unanswered

By John Lawler  
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

One day, waking up an hour late for your communication ethics class means an absence in the record book. Simply and quantitatively, the absence means little more than a lower grade and maybe an awkward e-mail asking for that day’s notes. However, despite its inconsequence, few can deny the slightly guilty feeling in the pit of your stomach saying, “Now why’d you go and do that?”

However, as weird as life is, waking up an hour late for your communication ethics class on another day can make all the difference in the world — it can be the difference between sitting in a lecture, unaware of a tragedy unfolding outside your classroom’s door, or it can just as easily be standing awestruck in your apartment’s liv-

ing room, half-eaten toaster strudel in hand, staring blankly at the local news. As one person reads the headline on the TV, or another quietly flips open a cell phone wondering why that friend from high school is suddenly texting you, waking up an hour late has the potential to bring about a life-stirring moment.

Life is weird, you know?

Simply and quantitatively put, the Longhorn community lost a member yesterday. But few can deny the discomforting feeling within, echoing a sentiment we’ve all heard before, “Now why’d he go and do that?”

We may never know what led to the tragic events of yesterday’s shooting. With all honesty, I’d say we never will. To be sure, the physical events, transactions and timeline will be uncovered, but what actually led to a shooting on

a campus unfamiliar to violence for so many years, seems impossible to define. It leaves more questions than answers.

So as we move on, trying to return to our tests, delayed labs and papers, I can’t think of anything else to do except reflect on a question unanswered. A friend of mine put it this way: “Now is not the time to debate the causation or implications of such an event, but instead a moment to reflect on a question of life.” Policies, procedures and philosophies aside, human life can end at any given moment. As to why this happens, or why it needs to happen, I’d have to say we’ll probably never know.

We faced such a question yesterday on campus, one which I am afraid we are not capable of answering.

Lawler is an SG liberal arts representative.

Horns helping horns

By Muneezeh Kabir  
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

Sept. 28 is now forever marked in UT’s history as the day a gunman opened fire on campus, eventually killing himself and forcing the University into a temporary lockdown. But on Sept. 28, something remarkable also happened — a generation accused of spending too much time on Facebook, Twitter and cell phones used its expertise to keep a campus safe.

Few students needed to watch the news or even hear the sirens to learn that the University was shutting down. Within seconds, students were texting their friends, tweeting concise warnings and writing on Facebook walls to inquire about one another’s whereabouts. In fact, most students turned to our very own student-run publication, The Daily Texan, for actual news coverage, as the paper proved itself to be a quick and reliable source of information. Other students, however, took it upon themselves to record their own history, filming and posting a YouTube video in which they sing an original song titled “The UT Shooter Blues” that describes the lockdown experience from inside a dorm.

But why? Because we are Longhorns. And in moments of crisis, we set aside differences and remember that we all belong to one family.

UTPD and other emergency officials were also incredible with their response rate. Students soon received text messages from the University’s emergency alert system about the incident and were suddenly thankful for all the siren rehearsals that allowed Tuesday’s warning to be transmitted smoothly. SWAT teams began sweeping through hallways and securing perimeters. President Powers held a press conference without much delay, quickly informing the public about the day’s goings-on. On the whole, countless good lessons were learned.

But perhaps the simultaneously most obvious yet least discussed lesson here is that despite the University’s top-notch resources, some students are still falling through the cracks. Instead of reserving our spirit of goodwill for moments of crisis, we ought to be helping one another year-round. We ought to take it upon ourselves to learn about the warning signs and help our peers before it’s too late.

We are all deeply saddened for the friends and family of the young man who took his own life on Tuesday. So, put your horns up. Put your horns up for them and hold them high, so that we might always remember the importance of helping our own.

Kabir, SG vice president, writes on behalf of the Student Government Executive Board.

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# Technology keeps students updated during lockdown

By Audrey White  
Daily Texan Staff

During a campus-wide lockdown Tuesday, students sought information, prayer and support using social networking outlets such as Facebook, Twitter and text messaging. Throughout the week, they will continue that reaching-out process in person with a series of vigils and events.

Facebook and Twitter were both riddled with updates assuring personal safety, seeking information about others and offering news and photos during the lockdown, which lasted four hours. In some cases, this information was factually misleading or pure rumor, but it also ensured that the news traveled quickly so that people remained safe. One group of students created a YouTube video titled "UT Shooter Blues" to describe the scenes and emotions while they were on lockdown in a UT dorm.

"My classroom didn't have phone signal, so we were uninformed of the UT text messages sent out," said government senior Jacklyn Verdin, who was in a Mezes Hall classroom during the lockdown. "I was browsing through Facebook and saw statuses with information we didn't have and I felt comforted that there were several people on Facebook and Twitter updating constantly."

Student Government President Scott Parks said he was glad to see the UT community work together to share information and respond efficiently to constantly changing information.

"I have faith in the Longhorn community to pull together and stay calm and keep moving as best they can," Parks said. "My deepest sympathies go to all students who were involved in today's incident. It was pretty neat to see students taking care of students and using social media to make sure we all stayed safe and everyone was aware of

any developments."

Parks said student leaders are trying to determine the best way to respond to the incident. The SG reaction may include an on-campus gathering and a public "thank you" to University officials and police forces for their response to the situation, he said.

There are also at least three different opportunities for students to gather in prayer today. At 7:30 a.m., students from the Austin Stone Community Church will gather at the Tower steps in prayer. At noon, members of different campus ministries will station themselves throughout campus to give prayer and support to those who need it. At 8 p.m., the University Interfaith Council will hold an interfaith prayer service at the University Catholic Center.

"It is so scary when things like this happen that seem random and senseless, and people start to wonder what is their purpose and meaning," said Plan II senior Grace Jamail, who helped organize the UT Tower vigil. "Prayer is the avenue we use to connect with God, and we wanted to come together and call out to God on behalf of our campus."

University administrators spent the day coordinating a response, including a number of UT alert text messages and two campus-wide e-mails from President William Powers Jr. Officials said student cooperation helped events go more smoothly than might have been anticipated.

"People take pride in the way the students responded this morning — they did what they were supposed to do, followed instructions and got out of harm's way," said UT spokesman Don Hale. "The way people communicated was effective in this crisis. We'll evaluate how we did, but so far the response has been that people felt they were well-informed about what happened. It's a scary situation and moving forward we've got to evaluate."



Daily Texan file photo

The body of Charles Whitman is carried out of the University's Main Building shortly after he was killed atop the Tower on Aug. 1, 1966.

# Past acts spur quicker response

**Better resources, increase in communication provide up-to-date information**

By Daniel Sanchez  
Daily Texan Staff

The shooting incident at the Perry-Castañeda Library on Tuesday morning was not UT's first encounter with a gunman on campus.

In 2008, Jason Liao was arrested for unlawful carrying of a weapon in a prohibited place after showing off a gun to friends that he brought onto the 40 Acres. That same year, UT student Justin McCelvey was charged with making terroristic threats, saying that he would act as a second Tower shooter, alluding to the 1966 incident when Charles Whitman killed 14 and wounded 32 from the Tower after murdering his own mother and wife.

The incident Tuesday was the first shooting on campus since

Whitman's, two years after Dave McNeely was editor of The Daily Texan.

McNeely knew Whitman through a mutual friend, Larry Fuess, who played lead guitar for McNeely's band at the time. McNeely even attended Whitman's birthday party weeks before the Tower shooting.

"I think there was a sociopath in him," McNeely said.

McNeely was at the University United Methodist Church for a reunion group meeting when the sirens first went off Tuesday morning. He said the biggest difference between the Tower shooting in 1966 and yesterday's incident was law enforcement's response to the case.

"There were SWAT teams, armored vehicles," McNeely said. "They were so better equipped to [handle] this now than then. They were prepared to deal with dozens of shooters if they had to."

Retired Austin Police Officer

Ramiro Martinez was one of the respondents to the Tower shooting in 1966. He was one of the two officers credited with shooting Whitman, along with Houston McCoy. Martinez was at home off duty until 3 p.m. when the Whitman shooting occurred, but he volunteered his services, arriving to campus close to 12:30 p.m., he said.

"The only thing I can say is back in '66 I hoped and prayed that nothing like that happened again," Ramirez said.

Retired history professor Michael Hall said he was at home shaving, listening to National Public Radio when he heard about Tuesday's shooting. When the Whitman shooting occurred in 1966, Hall was an assistant professor on campus. He said after the shooting, people often talked about the Tower shooting, never thinking another incident like that would ever occur again.

"The biggest difference is in

1966, this was a novelty," Hall said. "By 2010, sadly, there is a history of this in the United States — that is to say shootings on campus. The police are very much up to date on this."

Hall said because he witnessed the Tower shooting in 1966, he expects the student body and faculty to be paranoid around campus.

"For the next couple of weeks, a fair number of people on the faculty and amongst the student body will be frightened," Hall said. "It's because they're hysterical."

But because of the ease of communication, Martinez said, a tragedy like that of the Tower shooting was avoided Tuesday.

"The student body and professors were alerted to remain under shelter or not to come to the campus," Martinez said. "We did not have those resources back in '66. I'm so glad modern technology was in place [Tuesday]."

# FBI investigates case, shooter's background

**Procedure keeps University safe; state combines forces from APD to Texas Rangers**

By Collin Eaton  
Daily Texan Staff

At 8:12 a.m. Tuesday, a caller alerted the UT Police Department to the presence of a masked gunman on campus. Seven minutes later, the dispatcher sent a text message warning 53,000 people, and the University siren sounded five minutes later. Shortly afterward, eight UTPD officers and two Austin police officers chased the man up the stairs to the sixth floor. At 9:53 a.m., police announced the gunman was dead on the sixth floor of the Perry-Castañeda Library.

UTPD Chief Robert Dahlstrom said the procedure for this sort of situation is simple — start the hunt and eliminate the threat before anyone gets hurt. UTPD sent every officer they had on hand to respond.

"Once they got on the sixth floor, they found him fairly quickly," Dahlstrom said. "They called it in, saying he was down."

But UTPD couldn't give the all-clear yet as rumors spread of a second gunman. The police department began setting up a perimeter with road blocks and electronically locked down 23 nearby buildings, sweeping the area with APD and Travis County SWAT, Texas Rangers and UTPD. An armored SWAT vehicle sat near the library as well.

The protocol for clearing the campus of additional unknown shooters was clear: Establish a perimeter, search campus buildings and keep students in classrooms

until their buildings were cleared. Students were told to barricade their classrooms.

In Calhoun Hall, engineering sophomore Mark DiValerio sat with other students barricaded for two hours in his classroom. The second shooter was thought to be in the area of the building, so when a student in the hallway tried to open the classroom door, they almost panicked, DiValerio said.

"They tried to open up the barricaded doors; that was scary, but other than that we just turned out the lights and hung out," he said.

Eventually, the rumors subsided and the police department decided the campus was safe.

"We had information that possibly there was another shooter, and that just comes from the excitement, but we can't just say, 'Oh, that's all it is,'" Dahlstrom said. "We have to check it out until we feel very comfortable."

A significant number of agents from the FBI arrived on the scene, helping local authorities as a matter of practice, said FBI spokesman Erik Vasys. The FBI is currently helping the police departments shed light on the shooter's background. In Tuesday's shooting response, Vasys said the FBI personnel were present mostly in case UTPD or APD officers tired out.

"We didn't have to put forth a tactical response, but we had one prepared if they needed backup," he said. "A lot of times manpower gets worn out from the heat when something turns out to be long-term, so we'll back them up."



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# University on LOCKDOWN



A police helicopter circles the University grounds Tuesday morning following reports of gunfire on campus.

Caleb Bryant Miller  
Daily Texan Staff



Police escort a student to safety across from the Perry-Castañeda Library after math sophomore Colton Tooley brought an AK-47 rifle to campus and fired multiple shots before ending his own life on the sixth floor.



APD officers canvas the third floor of the University Teaching Center while searching for the suspected second gunman.



A police support vehicle drives toward the Perry-Castañeda Library on 21st Street, where there were reports of gunfire on campus.



APD Chief Art Acevedo and Mayor Lee Leffingwell talk in the background as UT President William Powers Jr. answers questions at a press briefing about the shooting at the Perry-Castañeda Library on Tuesday morning.



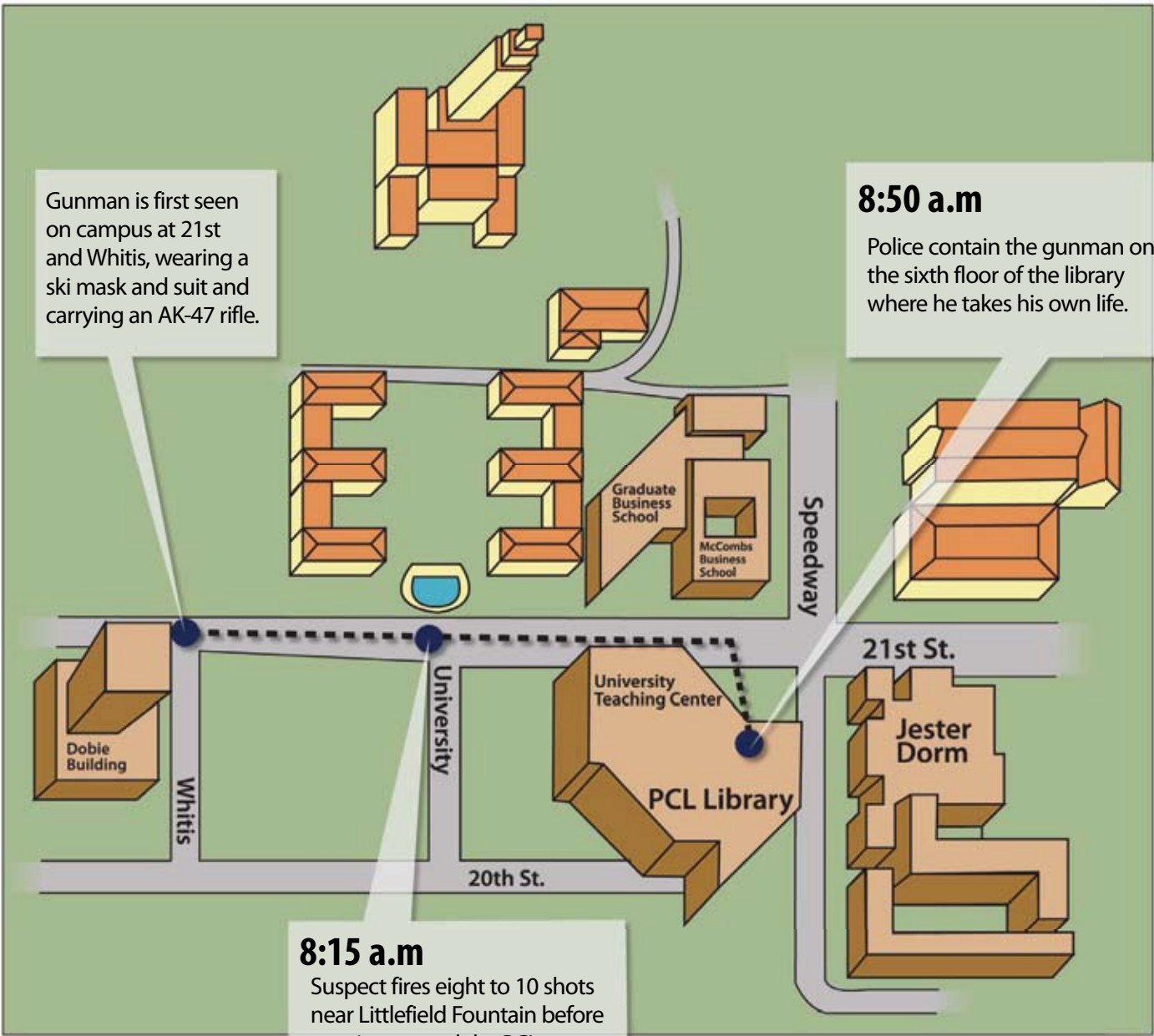
Operations management professor Uttarayan Bagchi waits to hear updates on the lockdown situation after being held for one and a half hours in class at the University Teaching Center.



# SHOOTING: Students helped police locate gunman

## Shooter timeline

Illustration by Camri Hinkie | Daily Texan Staff



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President William Powers Jr. said in a statement issued Tuesday afternoon. "I extend my sympathy to the family, friends and classmates of the young student who took his life."

The lockdown was lifted at 12:15 p.m. The University was then closed and nonessential personnel were released for the remainder of Tuesday. UT shuttles routes ran, but only in the outbound direction so students and staff could get home, said UT spokeswoman Rhonda Weldon.

The incident began just after 8 a.m. as Tooley walked from 21st Street near Guadalupe Street, heading deeper into campus wearing a dark suit, ski mask and carrying an AK-47 in his hand.

The University sent the first emergency text messages warning of an armed man on campus at 8:23 a.m. The message was quickly followed by a warning from UT officials for students and staff to find shelter and lock all doors.

"He had a black mask and he was walking down the street," said Ruben Cordoba, a maintenance worker at Dobie Center who was working on the plaza level of the dormitory, which is three stories above 21st Street. "I thought he was joking because he had an AK-47 in his hand ... I heard three shots to the left and three shots to the right."

Other eyewitnesses said they heard as many as 10 shots, and said they thought he was shooting at the University Catholic Church and the South Mall. After shooting, he continued to run toward the PCL.

Lawrence Peart, an international relations junior, was locking up his bike at the library when he heard the first gun shots. He said a taxi

came down the street honking its horn to warn the students, but he didn't think much of it until he saw students running.

"So I start advancing toward the entrance and a man — pretty tall in a black business suit, ski mask and an AK-47 — runs in front of me, so I froze," Peart said. "He was running down the 21st Street along that brick wall that's beside the PCL and he glances over at me. He looked at me in the eyes then waved his arm as if to say, 'Don't come in here. Go away.'"

Officers chased Tooley off the street and into the library, said Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo. Once inside, Tooley ran to the stairwell and climbed the stairs to the sixth floor, where he took his own life at 8:50 a.m., Acevedo said.

"Almost immediately, members of [APD] and [UTPD] ended up on campus, spotted the suspect and gave chase to that suspect," Acevedo said. "I want to commend the students of the University of Texas that led the way to the suspect — that as our officers ran and tried to find and chase after him, the students kept pointing [the officers] in the right direction."

In the immediate aftermath, tactical response teams from APD and DPS searched surrounding buildings for a rumored second suspect. However, officials ruled out the possibility and said reports of a second suspect resulted from conflicting descriptions of the shooter.

"There's no doubt that the training paid off in this situation and prevented a much more tragic situation than what we had happen this morning," Dahlstrom said.

— Additional reporting by Gerald Rich

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Slideshow of photos shot throughout the day  
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## HALL: Commotion shocks eyewitnesses

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the incident.

"I was in shock until then," McCrory said. "As more policemen came, more realizations came to me that this actually happened."

Pre-public relations freshman Andrew McWaters and pre-journalism freshman Skylar Isdale said they heard three to four gunshots coming from behind them as they walked along 21st Street to their class at the University Teaching Center.

"We turned and we looked and saw birds flying out everywhere," McWaters said. "We didn't know what it was."

Isdale said a guard led them into the lobby of the UTC. She and McWaters saw the shooter run by as they stood near the windows.

"His left arm was tucked under his jacket," Isdale said. "He smiled at us and waved with his right hand. It was really creepy."

More police arrived on scene shortly afterward and advised students to leave the PCL and enter the nearest building because of an active shooter in the library.

"There was all of this commotion in the PCL," said government sophomore Michael Azari, who works in the lobby of the PCL. "I

thought someone had gotten into a fight. One minute later, all of these cops stormed the building and told everyone to get out."

He said the police, armed with automatic rifles and dressed in bulletproof vests, headed toward the elevators while a few manned the doorways.

"They were surrounding the PCL and moving in as we were moving out," he said. "Then they announced over the intercom the severity of the situation. People [were] pretty shaken up," Azari said.

During the lockdown, Azari saw a group of students in a prayer circle at Benedict Hall led by history sophomore Rachel Tanisha Bush.

"I've tried to call and talk to everyone I know to make sure they are OK," Bush said. "It just broke our hearts for this campus. There have been a lot of emotions."

Following the incident, University officials urged students via text message and e-mail to remain indoors. The lockdown lasted nearly four hours.

Business senior lecturer Linda Gerber, who teaches an international trade class in the UTC, originally scheduled an exam Tuesday morning and went back to her of-

fice to retrieve papers.

"When I got upstairs, I saw police with assault rifles," she said. "I was taken aback."

The SWAT team told professors to lock their doors, and Gerber told all students to move toward the back of the room, away from windows.

"I was watching students to see how they were reacting," Gerber said. "There were some who were unsettled by the whole thing. I think any diversion you can have is better in these situations, so we ended up watching people's favorite YouTube videos."

Gerber said she did not feel like she was in imminent danger, but was rattled.

"I felt very confident that it was under control," she said. "I think police presence and direction was an important part of that. We are very fortunate that the young man did not want to harm other people, and we did very well under the circumstances."

— Additional reporting by Daniel Sanchez

**ON THE WEB:**  
Video of campus response to the shooting  
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## TOOLEY: Student showed no signs of mental trouble

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and knows most of the senior actuarial majors. It is still unclear whether Tooley was pursuing a specialization in actuarial studies or was already in the program.

Physics freshman Devon Sepeda said Tooley was not the most popular student in high school, but no one gave him any trouble.

"We always had a good time in the classroom," Sepeda said. "He helped everyone that asked for it. Of all people at UT, I never would have thought it would have been him."

Sepeda said he doesn't under-



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

stand why Tooley didn't come to someone for help before ending his life. He was reflectively quiet, never intense and just had to take time to open up to people, Sepeda said.

"I talked to him last semester but I [hadn't] been able to this semester," he said. "But it seemed like he had no problem talking to me."

## Counseling available for affected

By Audrey White  
Daily Texan Staff

The Counseling and Mental Health Center is encouraging students to seek support in light of Tuesday's on-campus shooting and has extended its walk-in hours until 8 p.m. for the rest of the week.

Counseling and Mental Health Services is funneling its staff to offer the strongest response to the incident. In addition to the extended walk-in hours, the center will maintain its 24-hour support services and is creating a special program where groups of students can come to counseling sessions together.

These services may be essential for students who were impacted by the incident — especially those who witnessed it, were in the area or knew the shooter, said associate vice president for human resources Julien Carter. The University Employee Assistance Program is also offering additional support to faculty and staff.

"As something like this unfolds, it shakes a person to their core in a variety of ways," Carter said. "There are people who will need to process it so they can try to make sense of it and move on from the incident. Without it, they may dwell on it, and it can affect their sense of safety and well being."

There is no record that shooter Colton Tooley, who died by suicide during the incident, ever sought help from any of UT's counseling services, said UT spokesman Don Hale.

Mental health services spokeswoman Jane Bost said it is imperative that students be aware of the mental health resources on campus so they will seek help before it is too late.

The center saw a steep increase in students seeking services during the 2009-10 school year, especially in those seeking crisis services, which reflects national trends, Bost said. This may have a dual cause — both that seeking mental health services are losing their stigma so more students are willing to seek help, and that more students are finding themselves needing counseling services, she said.

"I am deeply saddened and very sorry to hear that it was one of our students, one of our community members," Bost said. "Because it's a large university and there are lots of people here, lots of numbers, people can get lost, but we have a huge number of wonderful resources. There is always an alternative and the sad part to me is that it didn't have to be that way. There were alternatives for that person."

John Woods, the president of

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Students Paige Raiczky, Veronica Rivera and other UT students and faculty wait for updated text messages inside Benedict Hall on Tuesday morning during the early stages of the campus lockdown.



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17 Southern cousin of bouillabaisse

18 Basics

19 Lb. or oz., e.g.

20 Locale of Britain's first Christian martyr

22 Subsidiary route

24 Flows back

25 Helps in a bank heist, say

26 Bodega setting

29 Not be able to stomach

31 Former New York mayor Beame

32 Uneven, as fabric

34 The Beatles' "Eleanor \_\_\_"

38 His \_\_\_ (the boss)

40 Its beat may accompany a life

42 Cowboy's tie

43 Baseball's Rusty

45 Old stringed instrument with a narrow body

47 Buddy

48 Bovine nickname

50 Cries hold them

52 Scrubber

54 Newirth of Broadway

55 \_\_\_ of bad news

56 Research group associated with many Nobel Prizes in Physics

60 Kebab meat

61 Above, in Berlin

63 Bendable body part

64 \_\_\_ Longa, where Romulus and Remus were born

65 Opposite of badly: Fr.

66 Raymond's wife on "Everybody Loves Raymond"

67 "\_\_\_ your best behavior"

68 Juice brand

69 "Born from jets" sloganer

Down

1 Pocketbooks

2 Border on

3 Capital of the former Belgian Congo

4 One walking comfortably

5 Baked

6 Priests' robes

7 Brian Williams's network

8 Citadel, in Arabic

9 Barbecue item

10 Actor Sebastian

11 P.L.O. bigwig Mahmoud

12 Shakespeare or Browning

14 Ribbon holder, maybe

21 Bring \_\_\_ (cause)

23 \_\_\_ City (Tampa neighborhood)

26 Prohibitions

27 Before long, after "in"

28 Sitcom with the character B.J.

29 Setting for Umberto Eco's "The Name of the Rose"

30 Part of an invitation to an imbibor

33 Beer places

35 Expanse south of Ulan Bator

36 Bawdy

37 Rowdies, in British slang

39 Beyond the city limits

41 Disobedient sort

44 Big name in speakers

46 Sent a message before fax machines, say

49 Bougainvillea and others

51 Ball girls

52 Memphis street with many jazz clubs

53 "First Blood" protagonist

54 Capital SSW of Basel

55 Babble

56 English broadcaster, with "the"

57 "SOS" band

58 When doubled, a Polynesian island

59 Shipboard mop

62 Life, briefly

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RECREATIONAL SPORT

Capitol serves as stage for classic game

By Sara Beth Purdy  
Daily Texan Staff

Capture the flag can be a different game than it was in elementary school. The objective of the game is the same: You and your team must capture the other team's flag without surrendering your own or getting caught. However, the competitiveness with which a particular group of students approaches this goal is over the top.

A few times a month, a group of students gather on the lawns of the state Capitol for a few hours of capture the flag. The participants really get into the spirit of the game — many wear all-black clothing and eye black to blend in with their surroundings. Players creep along the ground and through bushes to progress unseen. Trickery and deceit add to the competitive atmosphere. On occasion, even the Capitol's night guards have joined in the game.

UT alumna Claire Dewstow started the capture-the-flag team with a group of friends. As a freshman, there was a strong following of students who would play on Friday nights. However, once their leader graduated, the game fell apart. As a junior, Dewstow brought it back — keeping the tradition alive by playing on the Capitol's extensive lawns.

Now that Dewstow and the original group have graduated, mechanical engineering senior Chris Berg leads the unofficial capture-the-flag team and is excited to follow in their footsteps. Berg has been playing capture the flag at UT since 2009 and remem-



Shiyam Galyon | Daily Texan Staff

Members of the Texas capture the flag team square off against each other at the Texas State Capitol last Friday.

bers his first experience well.

"I hadn't ever played before, so I was under everyone's radar," Berg said. "Out of five games we played that night, my team won four and I captured the flag three of those times — once in epic fashion, running the long way up the southeast corner of the

Capitol lawn [where I] grabbed the flag near the chapel, raced all the way down to the south entrance of the Capitol grounds for the win."

Once in a while, school rivalries find their way to the Capitol. In 2009, a few Texas Tech students traveled to Austin to compete. Ac-

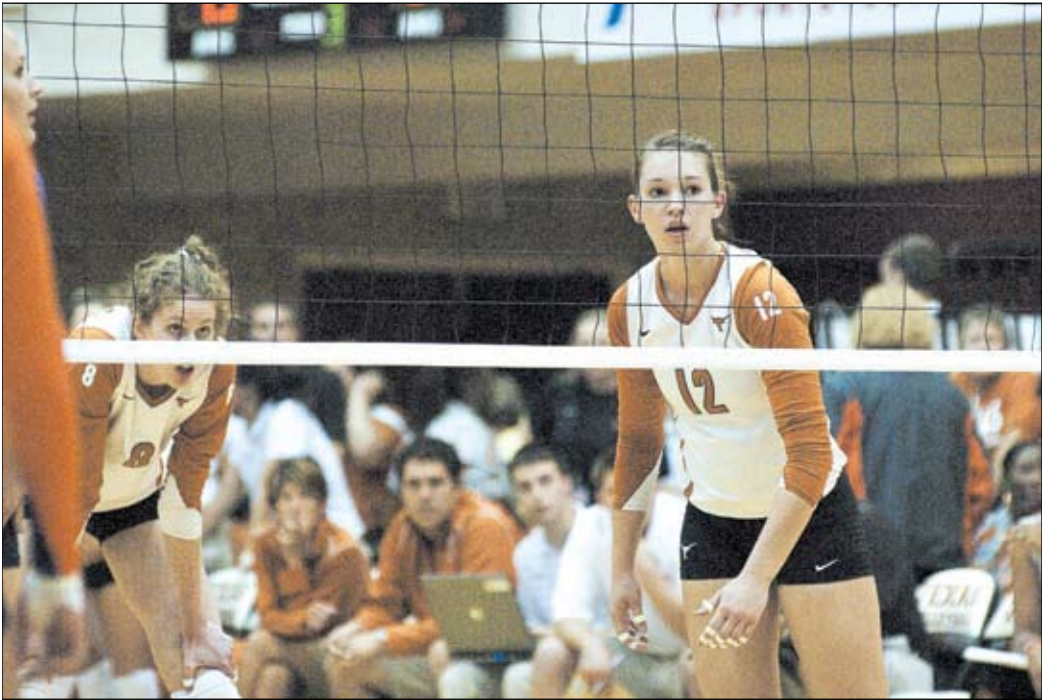
cording to Dewstow, students at Tech play a more extreme game that extends across the Raider campus. In the end, the UT group protected their home turf and came out with the win.

"Beating them made losing to Tech in football the year before a tiny bit easier to swallow,"

Dewstow said.

The main thing stressed by the team is that the games are open to anyone. People from every major, every age level and many different organizations come and play. The team has its own Facebook page where game schedules are posted.

VOLLEYBALL



Ryan Smith | Daily Texan Staff

Setter Hannah Allison prepares for a point in the Longhorns' Sept. 4 win over Long Beach State. The Arkansas native is already making strides for an inexperienced Longhorn team.

Freshman continues to improve

By Shabab Siddiqui  
Daily Texan Staff

The words "fast track" and "culture shock" might be the best two-word combinations to describe freshman Hannah Allison's volleyball journey thus far. Yet, the always-smiling, 5-foot-11 setter maintains her upbeat persona when describing her own outlook.

"I'll say it's been a bit of an adventure," Allison said. Allison has rarely looked out of place after emerging as the starting setter to begin the season.

Her 9.11 assists per set is second among freshmen in the Big 12 and she set a new career-high last Wednesday with a 58-assist outing at Missouri.

"She's special," said head coach Jerritt Elliott. "She's improved significantly from day-to-day, and I'm not quite sure I've had a player in quite some time show that growth on a daily basis."

While the majority of her teammates are products of competitive AAU circuits and club programs, Allison comes from a relatively less experienced volleyball background in Arkansas.

Coming to UT also meant leaving her small hometown of Siloam Springs, Ark. — which boasts a population just a bit larger than the College of Liberal Arts. Allison continues a fine Longhorn setting tradition which, in the last few years, has included former All-Americans Michelle Moriarty and Ashley Engle, and current junior and assistant captain Michelle Kocher.

To prepare for the change of venues, Allison graduated from high school in December and enrolled at Texas in the spring, though not before making two demands that Elliott readily accepted.

"Prom and graduation," she said. "I made sure I could go to those two things."

Early enrollment has become an increasingly common trend for fall sports, made most popular by the football program. Allison said that while there were some downsides, she doesn't regret the decision.

"Mainly, it's the time to get used to the classes and playing and building relationships with my teammates," she said. "The pros that came out of it were so much better than anything I missed out on."

Elliott has focused on creating a more balanced offensive attack this year, which has put the onus of ball distribution on Allison. The Longhorns have also had early-season struggles with passing, which has in turn limited clean setting opportunities for the team.

"There's a lot being thrown at me and the team, but I think there's enough talent and enough returners that they keep you comfortable with their experience," Allison said. "[As for me], it's just about decision-making and bettering the ball, [which means that] it doesn't have to be a perfect set, but setting up the best opportunity."

Perhaps the biggest beneficia-

ry of Allison's performance has been her preseason roommate, Rachael Adams. The junior middle blocker is boasting a career-high 2.51 kills per set, as well as a .377 hitting percentage, good enough for third in the conference. Allison has also helped complement Adams in producing blocks and creating tougher shots for the other team.

"I think the connection has been there for a while," Allison said. "We're in a system where we're able to get Rachael the ball a lot more when you have all three options like that. It makes [opposing] blockers be honest and when the ball's there, she can't be stopped."

Allison has also benefitted from the tutelage of junior Michelle Kocher, a former Big 12 Freshman of the Year.

"In the spring, I learned so much from Michelle, and I still do every single day," Allison said. "She's the most technically sound setter that I've ever been able to play with and that's what I lack. It's really been a pleasure to have her as the other setter every day during practice."

While she's now a big player on a big team in a big school in a big city, some parts of Allison have remained the same — though it may have taken some time and some prodding from teammates.

"When I got here, I was so quiet," she said. "I opened up so much more since then and that's something that doesn't happen instantly."

MEN'S GOLF

Horns fire event's low round, finish sixth at tourney

By Trey Scott  
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns capped a solid weekend of golf Tuesday at the PING/Golfweek Preview, a 15-team tournament at Karsten Creek Golf Club in Stillwater, Okla., finishing in sixth place.

Texas and its head coach John Fields are content as the Longhorns showed some fight against a loaded tournament field. The Longhorns slowly crept up the leader board, jumping from 10th place on Sunday, eighth on Monday and sixth on Tuesday. In the last round, Texas played the best round of the day with a 3-over, a good enough score to vault them to the six-spot for the final tournament standings.

"We did not have a great tournament, but there are a good amount of positives we will take from our sixth-place finish," Fields said. "It was a great tournament field playing at a great course and there are a good amount of lessons to be learned."

Perhaps the best of those would be the experience of playing at the difficult course. Earlier in the week, Fields cited the importance of the opportunity of playing at the site of the national championship early on in the season, as it gives the players a good feel for the layout. Cut out of a blackjack oak forest, Karsten Creek is an intimidating and challenging course designed to distract golfers off the tee.

"This is a place where you'd like your team to see the golf course before they have to play in the na-

tional championship," Fields said. "We need to get to know it."

Of all the Longhorns, sophomore Cody Gribble might have made the best impression. Last year's Big 12 Newcomer of the Year had a tough time with the course in the first round on Sunday, but saved his best performances for the final two days, finishing with identical 2-unders on Monday and Tuesday. The Dallas native tied for sixth place overall on the individual leaderboard at 4-over, giving him eight top-10 finishes in his young career.

Other Longhorns also turning in solid performances were junior Dylan Frittelli and senior Bobby Hudson, ending the tournament ranked 13th and 17th, respectively.

Also encouraging was the play of Julio Vegas. In his first collegiate start, the sophomore from Venezuela carded a 15-over for the tournament, giving him a tie for the 43rd spot.

"The team had another solid round today," Fields said after the last round had ended. "Julio Vegas gave us a solid score, which was outstanding. Cody Gribble's 70 to go with his 70 the day before was great, as well."

In a few months time they'll play again at Karsten Creek — and will be gunning for a higher finish — as it will be for the 2011 Men's Golf Championship. But for now, the No. 11 ranked Longhorns will focus on their next tournament Oct. 11 at the Jack Nicklaus Invitational in Columbus, Ohio.



Catalina Padilla | Daily Texan Staff

Junior Dylan Frittelli checks out the line for a putt in last season's Morris Williams Invitational.

SIDELINE

VOLLEYBALL



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Date: Today  
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1. Nebraska	12-1, 4-0
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3. Oklahoma	10-4, 2-1
4. Texas	7-4, 2-1
5. Texas A&M	8-5, 2-1
6. Missouri	10-4, 2-2
7. Kansas State	7-7, 2-2
8. Colorado	5-5, 2-2
9. Kansas	10-5, 1-3
10. Baylor	7-7, 0-3
11. Texas Tech	2-11, 0-4

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Houston's Keenum opts to wait to make decision about future

HOUSTON — Case Keenum limped into the team's auditorium on crutches Tuesday, a bulky brace protecting his mangled right knee.

The senior quarterback for Houston was closing in on several NCAA career records when he tore his ACL trying to make a tackle during a 31-13 loss at UCLA on Sept. 18. That came a week after he suffered a mild concussion in a victory over UTEP.

Keenum will undergo knee surgery on Wednesday, and he's putting off any decisions about his future beyond that. He hasn't ruled out trying to play one more season with the Cougars by asking the NCAA for a medical exemption. Or, he could turn his sights to next year's NFL draft.

"No matter which way I go, I'm going to push to get healthy as quickly as I can," he said. "It really doesn't matter where I'm playing. That's not really the pressing issue right now. The pressing issue is getting healthy."

NFL draft consultant Gil Brandt said Keenum's stock won't drop because of his injury as long as doctors clear him in time for next year's combine. And Brandt is confident that Keenum would get selected if he comes out.

"Obviously, the guy has something going for him," Brandt said. "Is he going to become a great player? I don't think so. But I do think he has the traits that lead to success, and I think he could possibly do it."

Compiled from the Associated Press reports

GOLD STANDINGS

1. Oklahoma State	+14
2. UCLA	+18
3. Georgia	+19
4. Texas A&M	+23
4. Augusta State	+23
6. Texas	+27
7. Georgia Tech	+28
8. Texas Tech	+31
9. Oregon	+40
10. Virginia	+51

INSIDE

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# ‘Halo: Reach’ presents engrossing finale

Final franchise addition refines series staples, brings little innovation

By Allistair Pinsof  
Daily Texan Staff

Never mind that Bungie, the developers of Halo, claimed to have “finished the fight” three years ago with “Halo 3,” what was supposed to be the final entry of the series at the time. After the spinoffs, “Halo Wars” and “Halo 3: ODST,” Bungie has returned for what is once again said to be the series’ swan song. As is always the case with this popular series, high expectations have been set. However, once again they have made enough refinements and long-awaited tweaks to please even the most jaded fans.

The options available upon starting the game can be overwhelming at first and the convoluted menus don’t help. Once you start your game of choice, you’ll soon find that this is the same “Halo” that you’ve grown to love or hate over the years. It just looks a bit better. The graphical overhaul is very impressive, but how could it not be when compared to “Halo 3,” with its horribly detailed player models and blocky outdoor landscapes.

The most significant addition to single-player and multi-player is the equipment spread throughout the campaign (or chosen during your load-out phase in multi-player) that gives you new abilities, such as a jetpack or the ability to make a hologram of yourself to distract enemy fire. It’s a simple

addition but one that adds a new layer of strategic depth. It seems to stand alone, however, in being a bold, new change for the series.

For the most part, everything you liked about “Halo 3” has returned in some form, only bigger and better. “Fire-fight,” a cooperative mode where you and your friends take on endless hordes of enemies, has been renewed with seemingly limitless variations, including one that lets you play on the enemy side against your friends. “Forge” has been redubbed “Forge World” and for good reason: You now have the ability to create more expansive maps with far less frustration. In addition to all of this, you have the traditional multi-player modes that return with all of the customized options you never asked for.

There is a workman-like quality that went into “Halo: Reach.” Rather than fix what has always been wrong with the series — the lackluster team A.I., redundant nature of the campaign and needlessly complicated story — Bungie focuses on what has always worked and somehow found ways to improve on it. You’ll still find playing the campaign alone to be a frustrating affair because of incompetent team A.I. and the infuriating checkpoint system. The game might not have the impact or timeliness of past series entries, but its improvements make it a worthwhile investment for those still interested.

**Grade: B**

Some gamers do not let addiction intrude on life; others try to manage time

By Jody Serrano  
Daily Texan Staff

In dorm rooms across campus, students are glued to their TV screens, forgoing sleep, procrastinating on their homework and battling evil aliens to make it to the next level. This is “Halo: Reach,” the most recent installment in the “Halo” series. On Sept. 14, Halo was released to thousands of fans across the country, inspiring all-nighters, deep dedication and the occasional black circles under the eyes: This is Halo addiction.

Like in the game, Halo addiction can take on many different stages and it usually doesn’t start off as addiction. Take the case of computer science freshman Glen Olivarez. Olivarez can stop playing at any time he wishes, no matter how amazingly epic the graphics are, and still get his work done on time.

Others might love the game on a different level, like in the case of geological science sophomore Nathan van Oort, who played Halo for six to seven hours nonstop for two days.

In extreme cases of dedication, we meet people like undeclared freshman Charles Graham, who spends several hours playing the game, thinking about the game and talking about the game.

There is a fine line between enjoyment and addiction.

Olivarez, however, is not addicted to “Halo: Reach.”

He does his homework before even daring to pick up the sleek, black Xbox 360 controller; and if he has a test, he doesn’t even risk looking at the television.

“The game is beautiful,” Olivarez said, “but you have to know your limits.”

To Olivarez, balancing school and “Halo: Reach” is a no-brainer. He didn’t go to “Halo: Reach” Midnight Madness, the grand reveal of the game that took place at stores such as Best Buy and GameStop all around the nation, because he had a class in the morning. Rather, he bought the game the day it came out and worked diligently, with a wild and passionate gleam in his eyes, to beat it on Legendary difficulty, the hardest level of the game.

When it was time for home-

**WHAT:** “Halo: Reach” Tournament  
**WHERE:** Jester West Fireplace Lounge  
**WHEN:** Thursday, 7 p.m.

work, Olivarez said that he calmly turned the television off, put down the controller and did his work. After he finished, he picked up the controller and went back to the vibrant colors of the television screen — filled with explosions and epic fights — but only after he finished his work, of course.

To this day, Olivarez can calmly and happily say he is not addicted to “Halo.”

“Halo” has been a longtime favorite in the “shooting games” arena for Xbox 360. Manufactured by Bungie, “Halo: Reach” is the prequel to “Halo” one, two and three.

All the hype behind “Reach,” as well as a formidable reputation because of the past “Halo” games, struck straight into the heart of the UT campus, forming a dedicated fan base. The days leading up to “Reach’s” impending Sept. 14 release were filled with anxious students yearning to get their hands on the game no matter what.

Van Oort attended Midnight Madness at Highland Mall in Austin. Embarrassed that he attended the event and determined to be a semi-responsible college student, van Oort pulled out his homework to finish while he waited.

It would be the last time he would do any resemblance of work for two days, the average amount of time it takes players to pass the game.

“I kind of stopped studying for a while,” van Oort said, “for the first two days, I probably [played] six or seven hours nonstop.”

The same can be said for Graham, although he fulfilled his need to play “Reach” a bit differently than van Oort and Olivarez.

“I was in somebody else’s room playing the game the whole time,” Graham said, “so I [technically] had the game.”

On Sept. 14, “Halo: Reach” was released to the world. Two weeks later, it is still going strong.

“If Halo was a drug, would I be addicted to Halo?” Graham said. “Absolutely.”

# Drafthouse offers patrons a revived drive-in cinema

By Allistair Pinsof  
Daily Texan Staff

Republic Square Park, surrounded by skyscrapers downtown, will once again turn into a makeshift movie theater tonight as part of the “Movies in the Park” series put together by Alamo Drafthouse Cinema and its affiliates.

Sporadically over the last month, Alamo Drafthouse’s offshoot company Rolling Roadshow has been assembling a giant inflatable screen and a trailer that doubles as a projection booth (35 mm is the medium of choice for the events) to display movies for free in the evening.

David Pappenhagen and Katie Newgren, like many others who came out for the event, brought their own chairs, towels and food. For what is a much more expansive and public place, the park had an intimacy and energy you’d expect to find in a crowded theatre on the weekend. This is mostly because of the selection of films that focus on ‘80s cult classics, such as “Raiders of the Lost Ark” and “The Wizard” which played earlier in the month. Pappenhagen came out with his friends to see “The Last Starfighter,” one of his favorite films.

“We don’t really have a drive-in in Austin anymore, so maybe it’s just a makeshift replacement for that kind of experience,” said Alamo founder Tim League said, who was responsible for putting together the first outdoor screening event sponsored by the theatre chain. Initially, when Rolling Roadshow started in 2004, they would erect scaffolding and stretch the screen across it — a much more

time-consuming and dangerous production.

For the first time, “Movies in the Park” is sponsored by Fantastic Fest instead of Time Warner Cable. This allows for League and the other curators to pick films that aren’t the most family friendly.

Tonight’s presentation will be “Pee Wee’s Big Adventure,” which contains just enough creepy moments to ramp up to the series’ Halloween-inspired finale, “Poltergeist,” which will be presented on Oct. 14.

Ironically, “Poltergeist” carries a PG rating that inspired the Motion Picture Association of America to create the PG-13 rating in ‘84. It’s not the most kid-friendly film because of some horrific and graphic scenes that make it easy to label under the genre of horror.

League and other Alamo staff pretend the park is their theatre for the night, allowing people to eat and be loud as they want. Unlike a theatre, the park is not a controlled environment nor one that Alamo staff can easily expel a rowdy audience member from.

“It’s rambunctious but it’s all part of the show. Crowds are pretty good about not making an incredible mess. We guilt trip them into it,” League said.

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# Roommates exchange cultures



Australian exchange student Candelle Chong and UT freshman Daley Epstein spend some time together in front of Chong's wall, which is covered with notecards displaying common Australian lingo along with the English translations.

## Students create Australian-English dictionary on UT dorm room wall

By Lindsey Cherner  
Daily Texan Staff  
On the wall by her bed are at least 30 note cards, each with an Australian word and its closest English translation. This makeshift dictionary is how Plan II and business freshman Daley Epstein and Candelle "Candy" Chong, a junior Australian foreign exchange student, are able to understand each other.

"I feel like I'm getting my own foreign exchange student experience," Epstein said. "Every time Candy says a word that I don't know, she puts it on the wall with a translation on the bottom, as my own Australian/English dictionary."

Chong first thought to make the wall because of some difficulties in communication she was having with Epstein.

"I didn't realize there were so many words people didn't know," Chong said. "There would be little things I would say to her that she wouldn't understand, and that eventually led

to me making the wall."

Although both countries are English speaking, there are differences in names of items such as "jumper" for "jacket" or "lift" for "elevator," in addition to quirky phrases like "shrimp on the Barbie."

Epstein went to a potluck for a roommate at the off-campus dorm University Towers with little concern about the luck. Instead, she lucked out with a sweet surprise when she found out she would be living with Chong.

"I knew that University Towers

was primarily Jewish and into Greek life," Epstein said. "I kind of had negative expectations at first about the possibility of culture clash — the fact that she's two years older than me — she would be living with three other freshmen Jewish girls, and I do keep kosher. Since I keep kosher, I have separate dishes and I didn't know how she would react to this, but she's upbeat and enjoys learning about Judaism."

Even though Chong is neither

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# Media contributes conflicting ideas about body image



By Mary Lingwall

In June, U.K. legislative representatives introduced a bill that would force advertisers and editorial magazines to issue notices on photographs that have undergone Photoshop alterations, such as airbrushing. Though not yet approved, the proposal has already been dubbed the "Photoshop Law," and the idea has quickly spread to legislators in France. Initially introduced with the aim of preventing eating disorders, the "Photoshop wars" in the U.K. and France are shedding light on some of the overwhelming issues embedded in body image discourse that are more than familiar on both sides of the Atlantic.

Legislating for more trans-

parency in the creation of unattainable beauty standards could be a positive step toward cultivating a healthier body-size standard. But some members of the fashion industry, like London-based photographer Mark Nolan, think the proposed laws are encroaching on the glamorous, icon-making nature of fashion itself.

"I think they should back right off. The media is driven by the consumer," Nolan said in an interview with CBS News. "Magazines should be an icon for looking your best. [Readers] know what they get are the most glamorous; the best-looking girls. It's always been that way."

But what interests me most is the huge disparity between the accepted and advertised epitome of beauty, attractiveness and sexiness that we constantly blame for our culture's issues with everything from eating disorders to depression. What

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